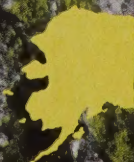


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Cover: *Horned puffins delight almost everybody who sees them. With short, stubby wings, they dive from cliffs to get airborne or run long distances on the ocean's surface to gain speed. When landing at their cliffside nests, puffins sometimes miss, fall back toward the sea and come back to make another approach. (Alissa Crandall)*



My late father would have said that these two guys exemplified the "Code of the North." Be that as it may, they sure had fun, and I was enriched because of them.

We were camped near the Alaska Highway in Yukon Territory last summer, and I was tinkering with my boat trailer. It had a slightly bent axle that required me to shift tires regularly to equalize wear. As I finished, two fellows from the next camp came up and asked about the problem.

Turns out they were heavy equipment mechanics from Saskatchewan, long practiced at making jury-rigged repairs to keep road machinery rolling. According to one of their companions, they had been relatively bored on the trip to Alaska—not enough people had needed their help.

At any rate, right after supper they came back with a heavy chain and a hydraulic jack, and went to work. Thirty minutes later the axle on my trailer was straight and an unknown problem with the tow-in on the wheels had been fixed. By that time most of the folks in the campground had gathered round to watch. I thanked my benefactors, who went back to their camp. They left the next morning before I got up.

Having been broken down a time or two along the highway and having sat out North Slope blizzards in frozen helicopters, I can tell you that this kind of spirit is common in the North—



North-country roads can be lonely places when your vehicle breaks down. (John Warden)

people always respond to others in need. The bent axle was the largest repair I've ever had done on the road, but it just so happened that I was camped next to two of the most competent mechanics around. My only regret was that I did not write down their names. Perhaps someone else they helped along the road did.

Whether you live here or visit here, these are the kinds of people you're likely to meet in Alaska and northern Canada. For reasons like this, we're

pretty proud of our neighbors. As you turn the pages of this Introduction to Alaska, you'll see a few of these good people and some of the places where they live.

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Passengers aboard the MV Noordam line the rails as the ship eases through iceberg-clogged waters in Glacier Bay National Park. (Ron Dalby)

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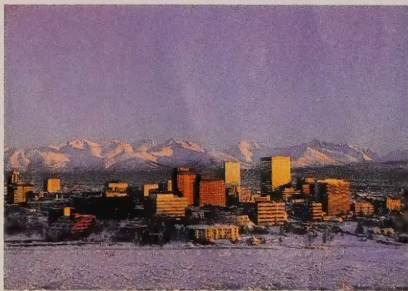
Southcentral/Gulf Coast

About 60 percent of Alaska's population resides in this part of the state. Bordered on the north and west by the Alaska Range and to the south by the Gulf of Alaska, this region encompasses urban Alaska – Anchorage and its environs – as well as some of the most fabulous wilderness areas in the state. The Chugach National Forest, second largest in the nation, encompasses much of the coastline. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve anchors the eastern side of southcentral Alaska, and Denali National Park sits astride the northern edge. In between are other mountain ranges and vast acreages shared by the abundant variety of wildlife common to Alaska.

For the most part the climate is moderate when compared to arctic or interior Alaska. The strong influence of the Gulf of Alaska keeps winter temperatures



Wind surfers frequently can be seen sailing the challenging waters of Turnagain Arm, a part of Cook Inlet south of Anchorage. (John Warden)



About 225,000 people, nearly half the state's population, call Anchorage home. (Grant Klotz)



A fishing boat from Cordova, on the eastern edge of Prince William Sound, is decked out for the boat parade, a regular event at the annual Iceworm Festival in February. (Ron Dalby)



River otters always seem to be looking for sport, whether sliding down creek banks or, like this one near Seward, posing for photographers. (Grant Klotz)

Southcentral/Gulf Coast

relatively mild and summer temperatures relatively cool. Only rarely does the thermometer dip below zero along the coast or rise above 70 degrees.

Here, too, are some of the state's most popular recreation spots: the Kenai River, famed for its huge king salmon but also popular with rafters; the Matanuska Valley, Alaska's farm belt but also filled with salmon streams and lakes teeming with trout; and stunning Prince William Sound, a shimmering jewel of emerald-colored islands and sapphire-blue fiords.



Every summer hordes of campers live on the spit in Homer. Some are hoping for seasonal jobs processing fish; others are spending a lazy summer in one of Alaska's favorite spots. (Jim Rosen)



An Alaska Railroad freight out of Seward rumbles north to Anchorage along the shore of Turnagain Arm. (John Warden)



The Alaska Native Arts and Crafts Association maintains this gift shop in Anchorage. (ANAC)



Mount Augustine, on an island near the southwestern corner of Cook Inlet, has erupted several times in the past 40 years, almost always dusting Anchorage with a fallout of ash. (William J. Harrigan)



Great Interior

Alaska's 170,000-square-mile Interior is a land of ups and downs, from the almost-sea-level swamps populated with ducks and muskrats to majestic Mount McKinley, the highest point on the North American continent.

A large river network and a good-sized road system connect most of the towns and cities of this vast region. Fairbanks, known as the "Golden Heart City," lies in a river valley surrounded by gently rolling, forested hills. Highways from this city of 25,000 lead north over the Brooks Range to the Arctic, or south past Denali National Park and through the Alaska Range, or southeast to the Canadian border and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. The Richardson Highway heads southeast to the ice-free port of Valdez.

Fall and winter recreational activities in the Interior include ice fishing, dog



When it's 38 below zero in Fairbanks, Jack Frost truly does nip at your nose. (James McCann)



A caribou is framed against the backdrop of Mount McKinley, inside Denali National Park. (James McCann)



The warmth of a trapper's cabin stands in stark contrast to its cold surroundings in the midst of the remote Brooks Range. (Stuart Pechek)

Great Interior

mushing, skiing, trapping, the Fairbanks Ice Festival, the Equinox marathon, and the Yukon Quest – an international, 1,000-mile sled dog race.

During the warm summers, people swim, fish, hike, boat, garden, pick a lot of berries and attend rodeos, the Tanana Valley Fair, the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics and the Yukon 800 riverboat race.

Visitors enjoy the leisurely pace of life in the Interior, where there are no skyscrapers, not much traffic and plenty of friendly people.



Stretching from the North Slope oil fields to the ice-free port of Valdez, the trans-Alaska pipeline carries crude oil through 800 miles of line. (James McCann)



The colorful bearberry bush, one of the Interior's hardy species of plants, also is called "kinnikinnick." (James McCann)



A dog team bolts from the starting line at the annual Open North American Championship sled dog race in downtown Fairbanks. (James McCann)



Many visitors to Denali National Park explore the wilderness on foot. (© John W. Warden)



The sternwheeler Discovery makes daily excursions each summer on the Chena River. (James McCann)



Bering Sea Coast

Alaska's western coast hugs the Bering Sea, with its rich bounty of wildlife, and marine mammals and birds. Keen observers are likely to see a beluga whale, walrus or at least one of the four species of seals along the rugged shoreline. This sparsely populated region is dotted with small Bush communities, which are accessible by plane, snow machine or dog sled. No roads interconnect the towns and villages.

A haven for hunters and fishermen, the area sports some well-known refuges, such as the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge and the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge. To the south, Bristol Bay features abundant salmon runs.

To the north lies an age-old land noted for its wealth of minerals. Gold-seekers still reap the riches of gold on or near the Seward Peninsula, where a passenger aboard a plane can steal a glimpse of the Soviet Union on a clear day.



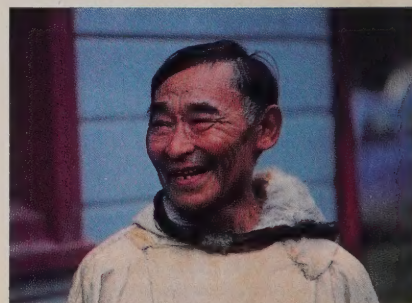
Hunters sail in search of bowhead whales in an Eskimo whaling boat amid the ice floes near St. Lawrence Island. (Chlaus Lotscher)



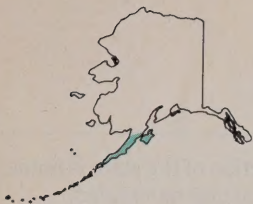
Several narrow-gauge railroad engines—rusted and dead in their tracks—stand as testimony to the great gold rush near Solomon, about 30 miles from Nome. (Barbara Brynko)



A young girl from Bethel displays her newfound friends—an armload of furry puppies. (Clyde H. Smith)



Greeting visitors with a warm smile, this man from Chevak extends some local hospitality from his bush village in western Alaska. (Clyde H. Smith)



Aleutians/Alaska Peninsula

The raucous cries of seabirds piercing the droning sea wind are likely to be among the first sounds greeting visitors to the Aleutian Chain. The "chain" is composed of more than 200 islands that begin with Unimak Island, off the Alaska Peninsula, and stretch close to 1,000 miles to Attu Island, the chain's most distant isle.

The Aleutians and the Alaska Peninsula harbor a long string of volcanoes, with the peninsula's Valley of 10,000 Smokes offering spectacular views of once-active volcanoes. Rich in history, the Aleutians contain artifacts chronicling the culture of the Aleuts (the original inhabitants of the chain), the arrival of Russian fur traders in the 1700s and the brief occupation of Japanese forces on some of the islands during World War II. The islands, which separate the North Pacific from the Bering Sea, are known for their valuable commercial fisheries and bird sanctuaries.



The Alaska Peninsula boasts some of the highest densities of brown bear in the world, due mainly to the region's enormous salmon runs and expansive tracts of undeveloped wilderness. (Clyde Smith)



The most remote island of the Aleutian Chain is Attu, where lush, emerald hills and roaring beaches still echo stories of battles fought in World War II. (File Photo)



Lava flows, miles of ash and great calderas bear witness to the 1912 eruption of Novarupta in the Alaska Peninsula's Valley of 10,000 Smokes. (Ken Marsh)



Evidence of Russian influence dating back to the 1700s is seen in Unalaska, where the faith and traditions of the Orthodox Church are still part of the Aleut way of life. (Clyde Smith)



Southeast

Known as the banana belt of Alaska, the southeastern portion of the state is home to coastal rain forests, pale blue tidewater glaciers and spectacular mountains.

Each summer, the region attracts thousands of hikers, kayakers and tourists, who arrive mostly via cruise ship and ferries to enjoy the lush sights and marine life that Southerners take for granted. Rest assured, however, the fishermen, loggers and miners who live here wouldn't trade places with anyone else in the world.

Centuries before gold seekers first climbed the arduous trail from Skagway to the Klondike in 1898, Southeast was, as it is today, the homeland of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian Indians.

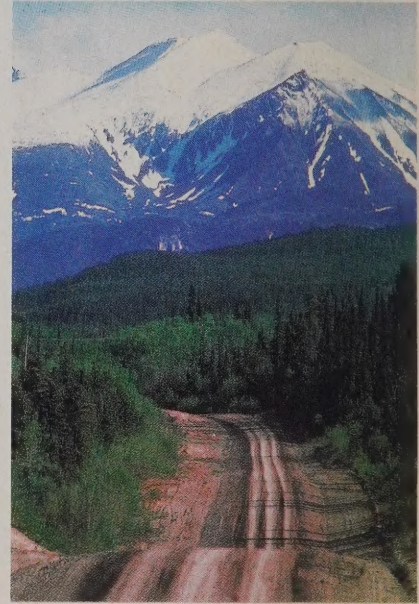
Rain – as much as 200 inches a year in some communities – is a fact of life here, but folks simply don their waterproof rainwear and rubber boots, and relinquish



"Spin the wheel and take yer chances," good luck and lovely ladies hang with the winner at Skagway's annual summer festival celebrating the gold rush days. (File photo)



If old boats could talk, imagine the stories this abandoned "puddle jumper" in Pelican could tell. (File photo)



Montana Mountain looms above the Carcross Highway outside of Skagway. (File photo)



Too cheerful looking to chase away the birds, this scarecrow presides over a bright summer garden in Tenakee. (File photo)

Southeast

themselves to the elements like wading ducks.

At the heart and soul of Southeast is the Pacific Ocean, and a good skiff, in most places, is far more handy than a car for easy traveling. Floatplanes are the taxis of this area, providing service to many roadless, outlying communities.

Most of all, this is a region of awesome beauty, framed by jagged peaks and cascading waterfalls, the part of Alaska that naturalist John Muir once called a sparkling wonderland.



Tenakee Springs is typical of the dockside towns that dot southeastern Alaska's isolated coastline. (File photo)



Nothing beats sipping punch in Meyers Chuck. (File photo)



The colors of dusk linger over Hoonah, a city of 917 people that was incorporated in 1946. (File photo)

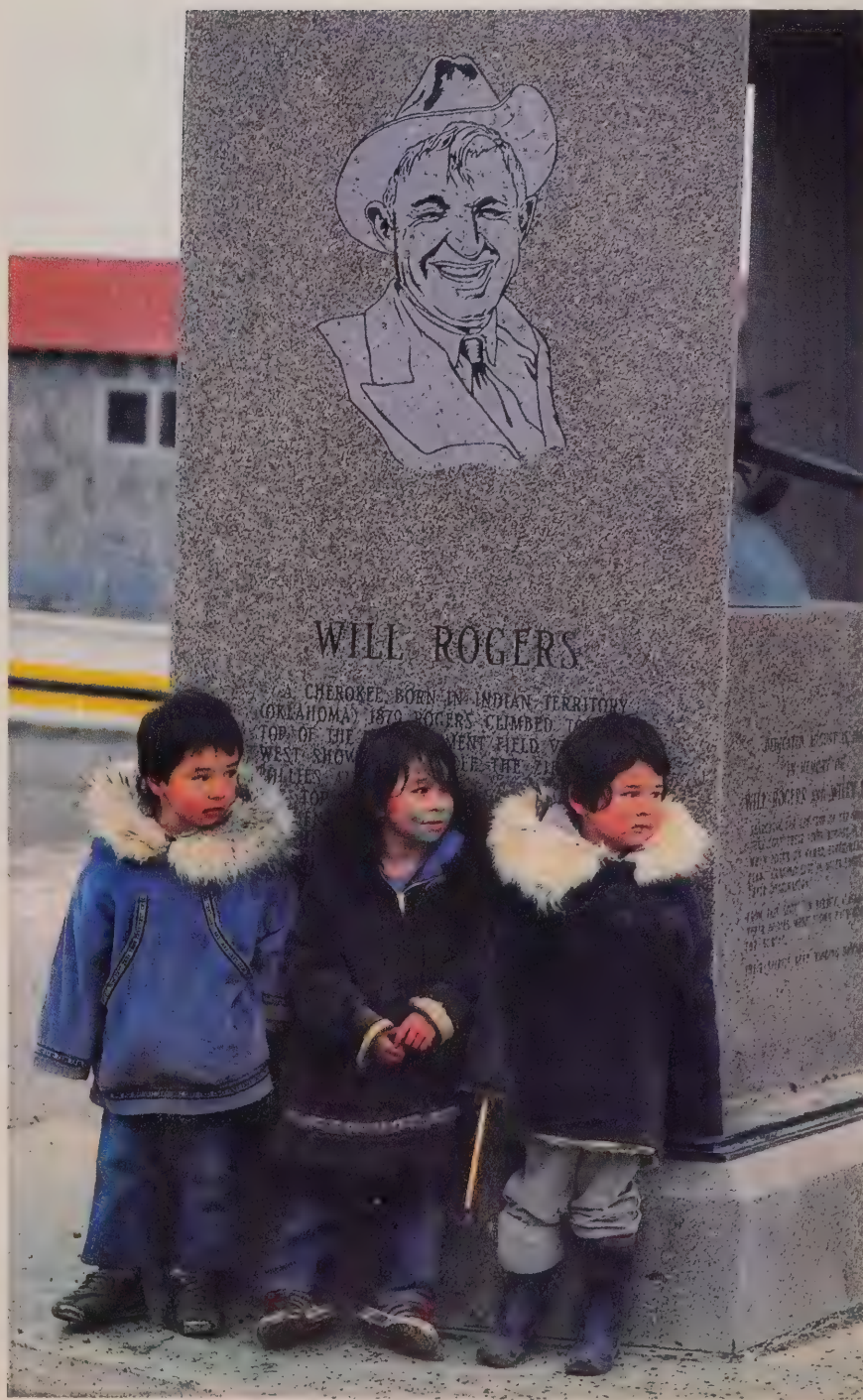


Arctic

The Arctic, sometimes called the North Slope because the land slopes from the north side of the Brooks Range to the Arctic Ocean, arcs across the top of Alaska from the Canadian border to Kotzebue Sound.

On this windswept coastal plain are a couple of dozen Eskimo communities, where the residents—like their ancestors—hunt whales, waterfowl and caribou during annual migrations. In addition to hunting and trapping, many of the region's Inupiat Eskimos work in construction, for the government and for the oil industry at Prudhoe Bay, where an 800-mile pipeline transports 2 million barrels of oil a day across the state to Valdez in southcentral Alaska.

Barrow and Kotzebue, the largest Eskimo towns in the region, serve as commercial and cultural centers. Accommodations and attractions also are gradually being



Eskimo children take time out from play at the Will Rogers Memorial in Barrow. (Clyde H. Smith)



A wide array of ivory carvings is available in the Arctic. (ANAC)



A man can walk for days in the Brooks Range without seeing another human. (Clyde H. Smith)

Arctic

developed for the tourist industry and for recreationists, who, with increasing frequency, use the Brooks Range and its rivers for backpacking and rafting.



The graveyard at Point Hope, an Eskimo village facing the Chukchi Sea, has a fence made of giant whalebones. (Clyde H. Smith)



The wolf ruff on this Point Hope woman's parka offers superb protection from the ruthless Arctic wind. (Clyde H. Smith)



A sweeping panorama of the coastal plain in the Arctic National Wildlife Range shows caribou on their traditional calving grounds, with the Brooks Range to the south. (Chlaus Lotscher)

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Miscellaneous Facts

- Alaska has more than 3 million lakes, 94 of which have surface areas of more than 10 square miles.

- Fifteen species of baleen and toothed whales are found in the waters of Alaska. Baleen whales found here include blue, bowhead, northern right, fin or finback, sei, minke, little piked, gray and the humpback. Toothed whales include beluga, killer, pilot, beaked and sperm. There also are two toothed species of dolphins and two species of porpoises.

- There are about 70 streams in Alaska called Bear Creek, not to mention Bear Bluff, Bear Can-

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yon, Bear Cove, Bear Bay and Bear Draw, and about 50 named Moose Creek.

- Alaska's 64,000 Native people make up about 13 percent of the state's population.

- Compared to the 365 million acres of land that make up Alaska, settled or altered areas

amount to less than 1/20 of a percent.

- Seventeen of the 20 highest peaks in the United States are found in Alaska.

- Alaska's languages include English, Tlingit, Tsimshian, several dialects of Eskimo, Haida, and Athabascan.

Population (1985 estimates)			
Community	Pop.		
Adak Station	4,665	Eek	257
Akhiok	109	Egegik	112
Akiachak	459	Eielson AFB	4,932
Akiak	289	Ekwok	107
Akutan	80	Elfin Cove	47
Alakanuk	556	Elim	237
Aleknagik	180	Emmonak	618
Allakaket	188	English Bay	192
Ambler	255	Ester	285
Anaktuvuk		Evansville/ Bettles	86
Pass	238	Eyak	44
Anchorage	235,269	Fairbanks	27,099
Anchor Point	327	False Pass	77
Anderson	566	Fort Greely	1,672
Angoon	588	Fort Yukon	678
Aniak	481	Fox	189
Annette	158	Fritz Creek	1,610
Anvik	83	Gakona	82
Arctic Village	132	Galena	947
Atka	93	Gambell	494
Atmatluak	234	Glennallen	499
Atkasuk	190	Anvik	131
Attu	31	Goodnews Bay	241
Barrow	3,075	Grayling	255
Beaver	80	Gulkana	98
Bethel	4,006	Gustavus	217
Big Delta	388	Haines	1,151
Big Lake	610	Halibut Cove	52
Birch Creek	29	Harding Lake	58
Brevig Mission	164	Healy Lake	37
Buckland	248	Healy	414
Campion Station	12	Herring Cove	120
Cantwell	91	Holy Cross	238
Cape Lisburne	11	Homer	3,632
Cape Newenham	9	Hoonah	917
Cape Pole	50	Hooper Bay	686
Central	42	Hope	224
Chalkyitsik	94	Houston	725
Chefornak	277	Hughes	92
Chevak	532	Huslia	272
Chicken	48	Hydaburg	463
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Point Baker	108	Sitka (city and borough)	8,160	Tok	692
Point Hope	597	Skagway	610	Toksook Bay	362
Point Lay	104	Slana	57	Tonsina	130
Port Alexander	131	Sleetmute	130	Tonsina, Lower	38
Port Clarence	39	Soldotna	3,818	Tuluksak	321
Port Graham	188	South Naknek	195	Tuntutuliak	293
Port Heiden	108	Sparrevohn Station	15	Tununak	318
Port Lions	302	Stebbins	372	Twin Hills	44
Portage Creek	35	Sterling	1,732	Two Rivers	523
Prudhoe Bay	56	Stevens Village	97	Tyonek	269
St. Paul	466	Stony River	92	Unalakleet	759
Salamatof	737	Sutton	340	Unalaska	1,331
Salcha	533	Takotna	54	Usibelli Mine	6
Sand Point	671	Talkeetna	269	Valdez	3,271
Savoonga	487	Tanacross	149	Venetie	237
Saxman	273	Tanana	425	Wainwright	508
Saxman East	499	Tatalina	13	Wales	143
Scammon Bay	304	Tatitlek	112	Wasilla	3,666
Selawik	589	Tazlina	38	White Mountain	164
Seldovia	403	Telida	38	Whittier	344
Seward	2,152	Teller	247	Willow	494
Shageluk	144			Wrangell	2,387
Shaktolik	163			Yakutat	456

Average Costs of Living Around Alaska

Food—average cost for one week at home for a family of four with elementary schoolchildren (costs compiled 12/87; U.S. average \$86.20):

Southeast (Juneau)	\$ 87.97
Southcentral/Gulf Coast (Anchorage)	\$ 86.93
Interior (Fairbanks)	\$ 87.26
Bering Sea (Nome)	\$149.17
Southwest (Bethel)	\$147.46

Housing—average cost of single-family residence with three bedrooms, including land (costs compiled first quarter 1988):

Southeast (Juneau)	\$114,850-118,120 (buy); \$525-\$1,174/mo. (rent)
Southcentral/Gulf Coast (Anchorage)	\$119,750-\$129,000 (buy); \$1,100-\$1,250/mo. (rent)
Interior (Fairbanks)	\$110,719 (buy); \$829/mo. (rent)
Bering Sea (Nome)	\$62,000-\$180,000 (buy); \$700-\$1,300/mo. (rent)
Arctic (Kotzebue)*	\$130,000-\$150,000 (buy); rental figure n/a

*(costs for this region compiled 6/87)

Gasoline—average cost for 55-gallon drum, unleaded (compiled 12/87):

Southeast (Juneau)	\$72.20
Southcentral/Gulf Coast (Anchorage)	\$54.95
Interior (Fairbanks)	\$45.49
Bering Sea (Nome)	\$98.95
Southwest (Bethel)	\$85.20

Heating Oil—average cost for 55-gallon drum (compiled 12/87):

Southeast (Juneau)	\$65.08
Southcentral/Gulf Coast (Anchorage)	\$48.29
Interior (Fairbanks)	\$46.96
Bering Sea (Nome)	\$67.65
Southwest (Bethel)	\$77.96

Taxes—city and borough (Alaska has no state income tax), as of 12/87:

Southeast (Juneau)	4% sales
Southcentral/Gulf Coast (Anchorage)	none
Interior (Fairbanks city)	none
Bering Sea (Nome)	4% sales
Arctic (Kotzebue)	3% sales

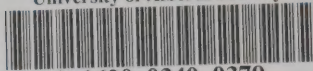


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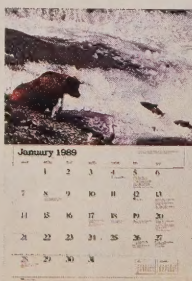
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